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Kyoko Ikawa and Tatsuo Horiba

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§ Group Art Unit: 1102

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicants Kyoko Ikawa and Tatsuo Horiba hereby submit the following documents to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

- (1) Supplemental Response to Office Action Mailed October 1, 1996;
- (2) Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0840 for any underpayment of the fees required under 37 CFR §§1.16 - 1.17, or credit the account for any overpayments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sirs:

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED OCTOBER 1, 1996**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 1996, applicants hereby supplement the Response to Office Action filed with the USPTO on January 8, 1997 and request amendment of the referenced application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please add the following claim.

34. A secondary battery storage system for connection to a power system, the storage system comprising:

a secondary battery connected to a secondary battery load;

a detecting device for detecting a residual electric power of said secondary battery;